



City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: Res 260441

Submitted Department/Preparer: Mayor/Council's Office

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Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in [Administrative Regulation \(AR\) 4-1](#).

Executive Summary

Directing the City Manager to increase indigent care funding in the amount of \$140,000.00 for Swope Health Services as part of first quarter FY2026-27 budget analysis, and later quarters if necessary, subject to availability of funds in the Health Levy Fund.

Discussion

Swope Health Services ("Swope") receives indigent care funding from the City's Health Levy through an annual contract. Ordinance No. 080357 appropriated \$2.1 million bond proceeds for improvements at the Swope Ridge Geriatric Center and the City has historically used the Health Levy Fund to make debt service payments on this debt and the FY2026-2027 adopted budget included a debt service payment totaling \$153,000.00 from the Health Levy Fund related to this bond issuance. In Committee Substitutes for Ordinance Nos. 240455 and 250669, the City awarded Swope \$9,000,000.00 from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the Health Levy Fund as a contribution toward development of the Swope Health Village project at 5900 Swope. Swope Health Village is a planned 12-acre property consisting of 200 units of senior affordable housing and 75 units of mental health housing, supported by comprehensive mental health services. The City FY2026-2027 budget amendment process included a \$1,000,000.00 proportional reallocation of Health Levy dollars from Kansas City Assessment & Triage Center (KCATC) to safety net providers to add to their FY26-27 indigent care contracts. Swope Health was excluded from the proportional reallocation partly due to its receipt of \$9,000,000.00 from the Health Levy Fund. The \$9,000,000.00 towards development of Swope Health Village was independent of any health levy funds towards indigent care and should not have precluded Swope from receiving its proportional share of the \$1,000,000.00. Swope Health serves over 57,000 patients per year, providing comprehensive healthcare services to a diverse community. Swope Health Central provides these other important services in the community:

- **Adolescent Care:** Approximately 5,000 adolescents receive care at Swope Health Central each year, highlighting their commitment to addressing the health needs of younger populations.
- **Preventive Services:** The center provides thousands of preventive services annually, including vaccinations, health screenings, and wellness visits, which are essential for early detection and management of health issues.
- **Behavioral Health Services:** Swope Health Central offers mental health services to around 3,000 patients, including adolescents, focusing on counseling, therapy, and psychiatric care.
- **Dental Care:** The center provides dental services to nearly 10,000 patients each year, ensuring that oral health is part of their comprehensive care approach.
- **Community Outreach:** Swope Health engages in various outreach initiatives, serving thousands of community members through health fairs, educational workshops, and partnerships with local organizations; and

The Health Levy Fund had an ending balance of \$1,087,840.00 in FY 2019-2020; an ending balance of \$18,435,489.00 in FY 2023-2024 and has an estimated ending balance of \$1,232,049.00 in the Adopted FY 2026-2027 budget.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? Yes No
2. What is the funding source?
Proposed use of fund balance from the Health Levy (2330).
3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
Request quarterly review of the Health Levy to use fund balance.
4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
One-time increase
5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?
No

(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. Yes No
2. This fund has a structural imbalance. Yes No
3. Account string has been verified/confirmed. Yes No

Additional Discussion (if needed)

No funds are allocated in this legislation. The proposed fund has a projected ending balance of \$1,232,049. This is below City Code Section 2-1954(f)(4)(B)(ii) eight percent reserve requirement. FY 27 reserve requirement is estimated to be \$4,859,326.

Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the [Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan](#)
2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
Housing and Healthy Communities (Press tab after selecting.)
3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):
 - Utilize planning approaches in neighborhoods to reduce blight, ensure sustainable, affordable housing, and improve resident wellbeing and cultural diversity.
 - Maintain and increase housing supply to meet the demands of a diverse population.
 - Address the various needs of the City's most vulnerable population by working to reduce disparities.
 - Promote healthy residents by ensuring basic sanitation and living needs are met.
 - Ensure all residents have safe, accessible, quality housing by reducing barriers.
 - Protect and promote healthy, active amenities such as parks and trails, play spaces, and green spaces.

Prior Legislation

N/A

Service Level Impacts

N/A

Staff Recommendation

Click or tap here to enter department.

Select One: Sponsored
 Directive: Res/Ord # [Click to enter Res/Ord. No.](#)

Select One: Recommend
 Do Not Recommend
 Not Applicable

Click or tap here to provide reasoning.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
Improved access to indigent care
2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?
No
3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?
N/A
4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?
No (Press tab after selecting)

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5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

No - CREO's review is not applicable (Press tab after selecting)

Please provide reasoning why not:

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6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

No(Press tab after selecting)

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7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?

No(Press tab after selecting)